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COMMENTARY

Relaying some good news

By Col. Robert Maddox
Operations Group Commander

Normally when I put pen to paper I'm reminded of why I chose to fly airplanes for a living. If I had to rely on my prose to put food on the table I think my family would get awfully tired of having beans for every meal.

This time, however, the words are flowing and my fingers can't keep up on the keyboard. Why is it so easy? I'm writing about good news coming from every corner of the 459th Air Refueling Wing.

Yesterday evening at the close of Col. Harris' monthly staff meeting she asked, as she usually does, if any of the commanders had closing comments. This time, however, she added something just a little different. She asked each of us to relay some "good news" from our units and share it with the group.

It was truly awesome to hear what this wing and its group of dedicated professionals have done. Many of the reports centered on our most recent Air Expeditionary Force deployment to Turkey and our deployments to the gulf coast to help evacuated people from hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Hot on the heels of our initial response exercise we flawlessly processed and deployed more than 120 of our folks to help fulfill the Air Force Reserve Command's commitment to the AEF.

Four of the Air Force's finest KC-135's transported crews, operations, intelligence, life support, maintainance, medical staff, and support personnel to set up and run the 90th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron at Incirlik Air Base in southwestern Turkey.

The mission of the 90 EARS is to provide critical air refueling support for airlift missions into and out of Iraq and Afghanistan. In recent weeks the men and women of the 90 EARS have added air refueling missions in support of supply flights to the earthquake ravaged areas of Pakistan.

The air refuelings allow transports to avoid enroute stops and delays in getting supplies to the area of responsibility or the earthquake region. They also let medivac flights fly non-stop from the AOR to the receiving hospital with time critical patients.

From the minute our reservists hit the ground it has been a non-stop success story.

In only three weeks we've flown 77 mis-

sions, offloaded 4.2 million pounds of fuel and have done it all on time with a 100 percent success rate.

In one twelve hour period our maintainers generated 12 sorties with only five usable aircraft, certainly a record for us and a phenomenal rate any where, much less an austere forward operating location.

The commander of our host unit, the 39th Air Base Wing, is impressed with our operation and the professionalism and dedication of our reservists. Even with the high operations tempo, we've made the facilities our own and have actually improved the working conditions for our people and the AEF deployers following us. A commitment to the mission reaches deep into every cockpit, boom pod, office, back shop and flightline vehicle at the 90 EARS.

Closer to home, members of the 459th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron deployed with only two hours notice, in the middle of the night, to the gulf coast of Texas to evacuate hospital patients in the hours before hurricane Rita was to come ashore.

Staging from Kelly AFB in San Antonio, Texas, and with the bare minimum of rest between missions, our flight nurses and medical technicians moved 57 patients to higher ground quickly and safely. They made the headlines and reminded us once again why we are so proud to serve.

The nation and the world now stand beside our commanders in thanks for that service. You might say with all we've done in the past weeks, the 459th not only brings "fuel to the fight," but we also bring, "fuel to the rescue," and that's good news.



Give thanks for all your blessings

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Greg Havrilak, Lt. Col.
459th ARW Wing Chaplain



Being grateful for some people may require an attitude adjustment. So many things in life are taken for granted that we usually assume things are just going to happen.

First and foremost, is life itself. There is no guarantee from anyone that tomorrow morning when the sun rises in the east your eyes will automatically open to face another day. There is no guarantee that when you visit your physician for a routine medical exam your results will be good.

That's why when good things happen, we need to be grateful. Even when it seems that good things are not happening, we need to be grateful that bad things have not occurred in our lives.

Driving to work this morning on a wet and slippery roadbed, two vehicles nearly ran me off the road because they were driving recklessly down the beltway, weaving in and out of traffic at an outrageous speed.

Arriving at the office somewhat shaken, I thought for a moment how thankful I was to be at work unscathed. It only takes a second, a twinkling of an eye, for someone's life to be changed forever.

Next to life itself, therefore, you can be thankful for many things: your family, your

friends, and your way of life – all that you are and possess.

Here at the 459th Air Refueling Wing, we are thankful for a great deal: the exceptional results of our Initial Response inspection, the participation and safe return of our troops from the hurricane zone, the magnificent performance and safe traveling of our Air Expeditionary Force troops in Turkey, and much, much more. We have so much to be thankful for this year.

This month Americans will celebrate Thanksgiving. People from other countries are absolutely fascinated by the American celebration of Thanksgiving.

The very idea of a congressionally mandated holiday dedicated to "gratefulness," free of ties to any one religious movement, organization or government, is an awesome prospect abroad.

In America people are free to celebrate Thanksgiving in any fashion they want, adding all kinds of cultural and religious themes to make the holiday more meaningful. People may even decide not to celebrate Thanksgiving at all. That's one of the perks of living in a free country.

Wherever you are this year on Thanksgiving, before the bird is carved, before the games kickoff, gather as a family or with your friends, and give thanks to God for all your blessings. If you are alone, take a moment to give thanks. You will be rewarded a hundred-fold.

On the cover



(Top right) Maj. Leonard Richardson, 459 ASTS flight surgeon, peels the back of a bandage to apply to Tech. Sgt. Vince Phillips' arm after suffering an allergic reaction to the previous bandage following immunizations, while Senior Airman Edward Lindsey, 459 AMDS medical technician, assists. (Bottom left) Tech. Sgt. Mitch Berry, 459 AMXS, checks the wing of a KC-135 for obvious damage or cracks as part of a preflight inspection. (Bottom right) Master Sgt. William Gray, 756 ARS boom operator, looks out the windshield of the cockpit of the KC-135 during take-off leaving Incirlik AB and returning to Andrews AFB, Md. (Photos by Master Sgt. Shayne Sewell).

FLIGHTLINE

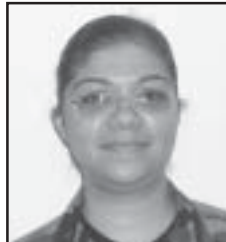
Question: ***What cultural dishes does your family share for Thanksgiving?***



Tech. Sgt. Brian Mosely 459 OSF
"Sweet potato pie and candy yams."



Master Sgt. Anthony Pryor, 459 ASTS
"Fresh pumpkin roll, spongy pumpkin cake with thin layer of cream cheese rolled inside. Mmmmm."



Tech. Sgt. Sebrina Gonzalez, 459 CES
"Rice and peas with baked pork chops."



Tech. Sgt. Greg Suber, 459 CES
"Homemade banana pudding. Everybody loves it and fights over it."



Senior Airman Shellise Epps, 459 SVS
"Collard greens, ham hocks, pigs feet--regular southern stuff."

Young starlet lands lead role

By Staff Sgt. Natasha Suber
Wing Public Affairs

Step aside Hillary Duff, Lindsey Lohan, and Mandy Moore, America's next rising young starlet is none other than Bethany Post, daughter of the 459th Maintenance Group commander, Lt. Col. David Post.

While this multi-talented 12-year-old has a litany of theatre credits under her belt, to include a lead role in the popular 'Nutcracker' in the Middle of Georgia, this summer she secured a highly competitive lead role in Missoula Theatre's stage production, 'Beauty Lou and the Country Beast.'

By far this was no easy feat and an amazing accomplishment for any young thespian. Missoula Theatre is the largest touring children's theatre program in the U.S. Each summer, the theatre produces a stage play for serious and talented young actors and actresses.

This summer, the Missoula Theatre's summer program found its home here at Andrews Air Force Base. Likened to intense talent

competitions such as American Idol, young competitors audition for roles at the beginning of a week and are performing in a full stage production of an updated classic fairytale by the end of that same week. Out of hundreds of auditioning youth, Bethany Post was selected and featured in the coveted role of 'Beauty Lou.'

Mom and Dad, Regina and David Post, noticed their daughter's theatrical flare and love of stage at the early age of four. Since then, these proud parents have not only supported Bethany's passion for the arts, but have made it a family affair.

You can always find mom, Regina, 13-year-old brother, David, and even Bethany when she's not featured in a major role, behind the scenes as stage hands, maneuvering props and lighting. Dad himself along with brother, David, have stepped into a role or two, even tights as loyal subjects of the 'Rat King' in the 'Nutcracker in the Middle of Georgia.'

While the journey from Bethany's first role as an elephant in a kindergarten play, to

dance recitals, international model and talent searches, a magazine spread, and now stage plays has been quite long and sometimes expensive, there is definitely no pressure from the Post parents.

After outlining many of Bethany's performances, colonel Post's greatest pride was reflected in both of his children's sense of balance and well-roundedness. Both are 4.0 grade point average students and involved in a number of activities outside of the theatre. David is honing his skills as an electric guitar player and Bethany is a member of her school dance team and choir.

Still, keep your radar out for this young talent. Since her role with the Missoula Theatre, Bethany was one of the few in the seventh grade to grab a lead role as, Joy, the "smart" wicked, step-sister, in her school production of 'Cinderella.' Whether it is Broadway, the Warner, Hollywood, or popular T.V. networks, the sky is definitely the limit for one so driven, talented, and gifted.



(Left) Bethany Post, daughter of Lt. Col. David Post, 459 MG commander, poses with her castmates after performing 'Beauty and the Country Beast.' (Right) Bethany poses with castmates at the Misoula Children's Theater. (Courtesy photos).

Combat comptrollers-your fighting financial force

By 1st Lt. Tim Smith
Wing Public Affairs

If one were to ask what a combat comptroller is, a combat comptroller would say not many servicemembers know who we are ... at least not by that name. But for the past seven months they've been involved in what some reservists would consider somewhat important ... their pay!

The combat comptrollers are your fighting financial office. They are deployable and they train to go where needed.

"We're here to supplement the 459th financial management office during UTA weekends and we're the combat warriors in the field," said Maj. Brenda Veal-Munoz, financial management officer. "We're normally on the first plane in and on the last plane." In the combat environment they work closely with security forces, foreign embassies and the onsite commanders.

The combat comptrollers are often incorrectly, but lovingly referred to as finance. But Veal-Munoz said the name for their career field has been changed to comptroller for almost 10 years. However the comptroller office does encompass finance, military

pay and budget.

While the civilians that work here Monday through Friday are obviously not "combat" comptrollers, they all work together to make one dynamic organization said Veal-Munoz.

Carol Artis, 459th financial manager, said it's good having them here on the UTA weekend because if a servicemember has a problem, they may be able to handle it then.

"It's definitely been very interesting to watch this particular unit get off the ground ... to see how useful and effective we've become," said Staff Sgt. Claire Brom, financial management and comptroller craftsman who joined the wing from active-duty service.

They've been here since April, and they have one officer and five enlisted servicemembers. "We do contingency training, functional training, we support military pay and travel," said Veal-Munoz. "We want people to know we're here and we're here to help them." And if they can't help a servicemember by the end of the UTA, they'll leave enough information for our civilians to help during the week.

This is the first time the wing has had a

comptroller office. The comptroller office is part of the wing staff.

The comptroller office currently handles customer service issues to include military pay and travel during the UTA's; however, we hope to expand our services to include limited budget and government travel card services said Veal-Munoz.

Part of the comptroller office is Technical Sgt. Jacqueline Mack, the shop's NCOIC. She is the liaison between the 89th Airlift Wing and the 459 ARW while on activation. She is quite essential to wing servicemembers because the 89th processes travel vouchers.

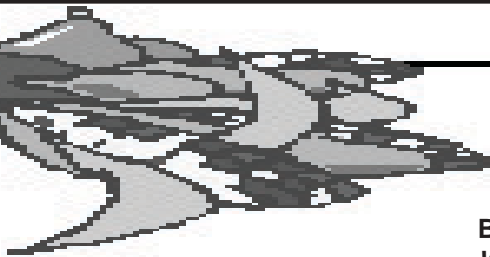
"I ensure vouchers are processed in a timely manner," said Mack. She can assist if something goes wrong with a members voucher and see if it's been processed.

Veal-Munoz said some members of the wing are already on to them, but she said many people of the wing still don't know they're here. However, they're easy to find on UTA weekends in the wing headquarters building (Bldg. 3755), room 105.

"We expect to become one of the best comptroller Reserve programs within the Air Force Reserve" said Veal-Munoz.



Staff Sgt. Ruby Salvino, 459 financial management and comptroller journeyman, assists Staff Sgt. Aric Foster, 459 ASTS, with a pay issue. Salvino is one of the wing's newest additions along with the other members of the office in the wing headquarters building. (Photo by 1st Lt. Tim Smith).



By Capt. Nikki Credic
Wing Public Affairs

Thanksgiving is a holiday that brings families and friends together. Many old memories are shared and new ones are created. But usually the most memorable thing about Thanksgiving is the food. From the juicy turkey to the sweet pumpkin pie, the food of this holiday always brings a smile to our faces. Here are a few tried and true traditional dishes that usually grace dining room tables during this “thankful” holiday.

Succulent Roasted Turkey

- 1 (8 to 10 pound) turkey
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 medium onion, quartered
- 1 head garlic, halved
- Several sprigs fresh herbs, such as; thyme, parsley, rosemary, and sage
- 2 bay leaves
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter (1 stick), melted

Adjust a rack to lowest position and remove other racks. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Remove turkey parts from neck and breast cavities and reserve for other uses, if desired. Dry bird well with paper towels, inside and out. Salt and pepper inside the breast cavity and stuff the onion, garlic, herbs, and bay leaves inside. Set the bird on a roasting rack in a roasting pan; breast side up and brush generously with half the butter and season with salt and pepper. Tent the bird with foil.

Roast the turkey for 2 hours. Remove the foil and baste with the remaining butter. Increase oven temperature to 425 degrees F and continue to roast until an instant read thermometer registers 165 degrees F in the thigh of the bird, about 45 minutes more. Remove turkey from the oven and set aside to rest for 15 minutes before carving. Carve and serve with dressing.

Mash Potatoes (12 servings)

- 5 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes, cubed
- 2 (3 ounce) packages cream cheese
- 8 ounces sour cream
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons onion salt
- Ground black pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).
2. Place potatoes in a large pot of lightly salted water. Bring to a boil, and cook until tender, about 15 minutes. Drain, and mash.
3. In a large bowl, mix mashed potatoes, cream cheese, sour cream, milk, onion salt, and pepper. Transfer to a large casserole dish.
4. Cover, and bake for 50 minutes in the preheated oven.



Mushroom Stuffing (14 cups)

- 1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS:

1. Butter one 9x13 inch casserole dish (greases C).
2. Rinse, pat dry and quarter mushrooms, onion and celery; saute in butter, salt and pepper.
3. In large mixing bowl, combine mushrooms, onion, celery, poultry seasoning, salt and pepper; mix well.
4. Cover and bake at 375 degrees F for 15 minutes long.

Four-cheese Mac & Cheese (6 servings)

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 (16 ounce) package elbow macaroni
- 9 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup shredded Muenster cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 1/2 cups half-and-half
- 8 ounces cubed processed cheese food
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS:

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook macaroni al dente; drain well and return to cooking pot.
2. In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt butter.
3. In a large bowl, combine the Muenster cheese, Cheddar cheese, and Monterey Jack cheese; mix well.
4. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
5. Add the half and half, 1 1/2 cups of cheese, and macaroni; mix together and season with salt and pepper. Pour into a quart casserole dish. Sprinkle with the remaining



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ced 12 cups dried bread crumbs
1 1/2 cups hot chicken broth
2 eggs, beaten
2 cups diced apple without peel
1/4 cup chopped parsley

opper

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ter mushrooms. In large skillet heat butter and add mush-
5 minutes and remove from heat. Stir in poultry season-
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er to brown top.



Amazing Turkey

5 cups turkey stock
1 cup water
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon celery salt
1 teaspoon salt

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a medium saucepan, bring the turkey stock to a boil.
2. Gradually dissolve flour in water. Slowly stir the flour mixture into the turkey stock. Stir in poultry seasoning, pepper, celery, and salt. Boil to desired consistency.

No-guilt Pumpkin Pie

1/2 (15 ounce) package refrigerated piecrust
1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin
3/4 cup SPLENDA® No Calorie Sweetener, Granular
1/3 cup brown sugar
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
3/4 cup half-and-half
3 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS:

1. PREHEAT oven to 375 degrees F.
2. UNFOLD piecrust; press out fold lines. Fit piecrust into a 9-inch pie plate according to package directions; fold edges under and crimp.
3. STIR together pumpkin and next 7 ingredients until blended. Add eggs and vanilla, stirring until blended. Pour filling into piecrust.
4. BAKE for 50 to 60 minutes or until set in the center. Cool completely on a wire rack.

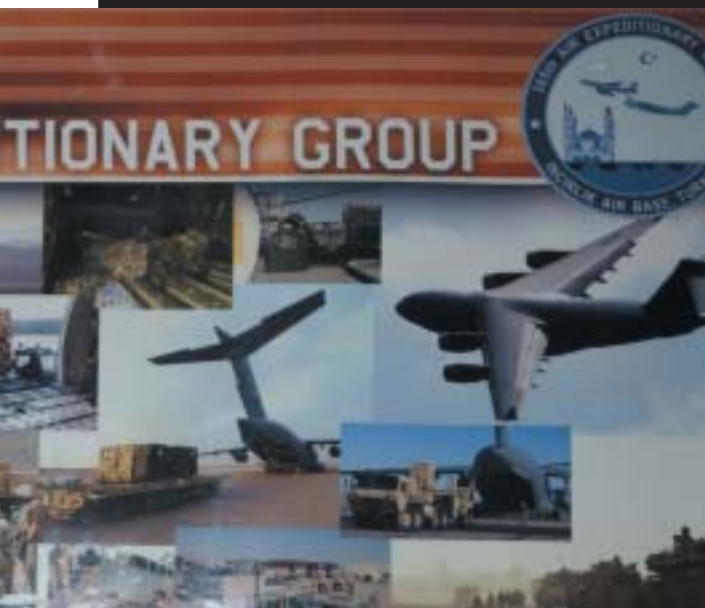
o a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until
y, melt 8 tablespoons butter; stir into the macaroni.
cheese, mild and sharp Cheddar cheeses, and Monterey
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ese mixture, cubed processed cheese food, and eggs
and pepper. Transfer to a lightly greased deep 2 1/2
1/2 cup of cheese mixture and 1 tablespoon of butter.



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Mission complete: Air Expeditionary Force

By Master Sgt. Shayne Sewell
Wing Public Affairs

When most people hear of Turkey these days, they think automatically of earthquakes and the bird flu but to some members of the 459th Air Refueling Wing, Turkey means Air Expeditionary Force or more commonly termed as AEF.

More than 150 members departed on our own KC-135s to make the 11-hour flight to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Pilots, boom operators, medical, maintenance, operations, and administrative staff, were tasked to partake in the first AEF deployment for the wing, quickly becoming members of the 385th Air Expeditionary Group and more specifically, members of the 90th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, upon landing at Incirlik Air Base.

The 90th EARS, “provides combat airlift and air refueling to the war fighter in direct support of Operations Iraqi Freedom,” according to the Incirlik Air Base’s web site.

In response to the events of Sept. 11, 2001, Operation Enduring Freedom began in October 2001. Incirlik AB serves as a main hub for humanitarian airlift operations to Afghanistan, to include KC-135 refueling missions and sustainment operations for deployed forces.

The deployed location is determined by staff members who work at the AEF cell at Langley Air Force Base, Va., who fill the existing requirements for tanker support.

Once Air Force Reserve Command “buys” a certain number of AEF rotations from active duty, the AFRC AEF cell determines which units will deploy to which locations in 30-day increments to fill a 120-day rotation.

This particular kind of AEF deployment occurs every 20 months, however, individual taskings in support offices are on a different AEF schedule.

“Tanker units regularly deploy as a unit,” said Capt. Tim Bourdeau, logistics readiness

officer, 459th Logistics Readiness Flight.

“Usually this means an aviation (planes and aircrew) and maintenance package with

a small support staff. Other staff support functions will continue to deploy in support of AEFs on a separate and individual basis just as we have always done,” said Bourdeau.



Staff Sgt. Kevin Mason, 459 AMXS, walks the wing of a KC-135 to ensure there are no signs of obvious damage or cracks during a preflight inspection. (Photo by Master Sgt. Shayne Sewell).

The Air Force needs your feedback

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — People still have time to take the 2005 Air Force Climate Survey, but the Nov. 23 deadline is rapidly approaching.

The survey, which began Oct. 1, gives Air Force people an opportunity to provide honest and productive feedback to Air Force leaders.

"This survey will help us ensure we are taking care of our most important asset — our people," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley. "The results of the survey will be made available early next year. They will be used to make sure that our service continues to be an effective, seamless, total force."

As in previous years, this year's survey contains several layers of safeguards to ensure complete confidentiality. The software employs advanced identity-masking features and strict reporting criteria that protects all respondents.

The survey is available 24 hours a day and can be accessed from either a government or personal computer at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>. People can also check out their command's daily participation rates and see the top 25 wings and centers.

'Change Clock, Change Battery' campaign begins

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

As residents turned back their clocks in October and reverted to standard time, defense safety officials urge them to also change their smoke alarms batteries.

For the past 18 years, the International Association of Fire Chiefs has used the time change as an opportunity to remind people to change smoke alarms batteries as well — a campaign the Air Force wholeheartedly endorses, said Col. Art Kaminski, a Defense Department safety officer.

"It's an appropriate time to remind people to change their batteries," Colonel Kaminski said. House fires are the leading type of fires

within the military, and most of those fires can be traced to unattended cooking, he said.

Fire chiefs association officials attribute the "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" campaign with helping reduce the number of injuries and deaths caused by fires. Still, more than 3,000 Americans are killed each year in fires, most in one- and two-family homes. About one-third of those killed are under age 20.

Defense Department firefighters responded to nearly 30,000 residential fires since January 2004, Colonel Kaminski said. These incidents took nine lives and injured 50 people, as well as 12 Defense Department firefighters, and caused more than \$7 million in damage, he said.

"A minute spent changing the batteries can save a lifetime of grief," said Bill Killen, association president and fire chief at Holston Army Ammunition Plant, Tenn.

"A working smoke detector provides an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape," Mr. Killen said. This is particularly important for those at highest risk of dying in a home fire: children and seniors, he said.

Ninety-six percent of American homes have at least one smoke alarm, yet officials estimate that 23 percent of them don't work, mostly due to dead or missing batteries. This means that about 25.6 million households have nonworking smoke alarms and another 6 million have no smoke alarms.

Nationwide, roughly 80 percent of all fire deaths result from fires in homes without working smoke alarms, officials reported. Half of the home fire deaths resulted from fires in the 5 percent of homes with no smoke alarms.

In addition to changing the batteries on their smoke alarms at least once a year, officials recommend testing detectors each month and replacing them every 10 years.

New personnel system's final regs sent to Congress

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Ending a nearly two-year process, the Defense Department sent Congress the final national security personnel system regulation.

Acting Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England said Oct. 26 that Congress has 30 days to review the final regulations.

The regulations will take effect Nov. 25. Changes to the regulation will ultimately affect 650,000 of the 750,000 Defense Department civilian employees.

Once adopted, the labor-relations portion of the system will take effect immediately.

pay bands, the pay-for-performance system, etc. — is scheduled to progressively begin in February," England said.

Some 60,000 employees are in the first group to come under the new program, officials said. But human resources officials will be very deliberate in how the program goes, Mr. England said.

In fact, the system will go through a six-month "mock period" before becoming effective.

"That is, at the end of six months, we will evaluate," Mr. England said. "We will act as if this was for real, but it will be a mock exercise in terms of the results we can learn."

During the mock period, Defense Department employees will receive pay raises as in the past. It is not until January 2007 that the pay-for-performance portion of the system kicks in for real, officials said.

"So we have all of next year to implement the system before it really counts," Mr. England said. "And we will then progressively put people in, and each time learn from those experiences and improve the system."

The deputy secretary said that if problems arise, the Defense Department will halt the program and adjust it.

"We want the system to work right for everyone," he said.

Floating checks will soon be thing of the past

"Check floaters" beware. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will start to electronically process checks in January.

Now, instead of taking up to three days, checks may process instantly or in one day. The move is so the exchange service complies with "Check 21" Legislation. "Checks will be processed electronically before being mailed to their respective banks," said Melanie Boshaw, Langley exchange store manager. "That means any amount on a check will be taken from a customer's account the very next day." A person floats a check when he or she writes one for a purchase without having the actual amount in their accounts — and using the typical three-day processing time to get paid or move funds to cover it. Now, check writers must have the funds in their account, or their check will bounce.



Pilot for a Day

Pilot for a Day, Isaiah Horst, takes a spot in the boom pod for a while with his friends. He and his friends were aboard the 459 ARW KC-135 as part of the DC Air National Guard's Pilot-For-A-Day program held in October. Horst's dream comes true courtesy of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Not only did Horst, family and friends get a chance to talk to some of the 459th's pilots and boom operators, they also had lunch on the aircraft. (Photo by 1st Lt. Tim Smith).



ART Spotlight

Job Title:
Executive Secretary

Duties: Schedule appointments and make travel arrangements for my boss. Process orders for approximately 50 personnel.

Length of employment with the 459th ARW: It will be six years in December.

Were you ever in the reserve or active-duty?
No



Lynn Redmond

Tell us something we don't know about you:
I love to collect lighthouses, but not to climb them because of my fear of heights. I don't ride roller coasters either.

If someone had to use one word to describe you, what would it be?
Efficient

Promotions

Effective Sept. 1, 2005



Master Sgt. Lewis Essex



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 Senior Airman Craig Odell Hillard, Jr.
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 Senior Airman Amanda Mosher
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 Senior Airman Shilece Talley



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 Tech Sgt. Stephen Gasper
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Airman Maria Ibanez

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Master Sgt. John Hunt	CES
Master Sgt. Rose Lemp	MOF
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Tech. Sgt. Dianett Phifer	ASTS
Staff Sgt. Tequela Bulow	ASTS
Staff Sgt. Kevin Cecil	AMXS
Staff Sgt. Dave Greer	APS
Staff Sgt. Bobby Hurst	ASTS
Staff Sgt. Erik Quam	AMXS
Staff Sgt. Paul Richardson	CF
Staff Sgt. John Wallace	AES
SSgt Robert S. Wallace	APS

Senior Airman Marina Lipscomb ASTS

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 Allied Health Sciences
 Construction Technology
 Education and Training Management
 Allied Health Sciences
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Free Parenting Class

The Family Support Office is offering the class, parent to parent. This program will show you what to look for, how to act and/or react and the how to use acronym of P.A.R.E.N.T. as a guide to getting your kids through the adolescent years without significant involvement with drugs, alcohol, or violence.

The instructor, Master Sgt. Joe Amorese 459 AMDS, has been a deputy sheriff in Rochester, N.Y., for the past 23 and a half years and a former 15-year Air Force security policeman. He is certified by the Air Force as an academic instructor and by the state of New York as a police instructor in general topics, and he is a police mental health instructor.

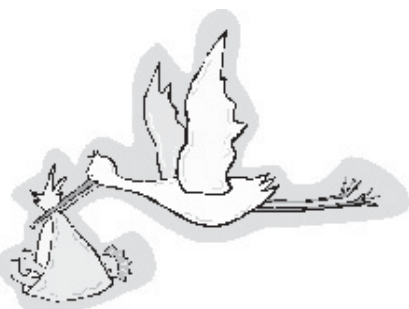
The class will be held in the Mission Support Group conference room, (Rm 128), Saturday, Jan. 29, noon to 1:30 p.m.. Bring your lunch and get some valuable training on the hardest job you'll ever have. Seats are limited. To sign up, please e-mail Jennifer.hutcherson@andrews.af.mil

Bundles for Babies

The Family Support Office now offers "bundles for babies." This bundle is for expectant mothers or new moms with a baby zero to three months of age (dads are welcome to stop by too).

Included in the bundles are a few educational handouts on budgeting for a new baby, infant care and some dietary tips for the new mom. Each mom will receive a bundle of goodies and a tote bag (valued at \$75).

Bundles are provided by the Air Force Aid Society. To receive a bundle call the Family Support Office at (240) 857-7048 or e-mail Jennifer.hutcherson@andrews.af.mil.



459th ARW Holiday Party

The Family Support Office invites you and your family to attend a holiday celebration in Hangar 11, Saturday, Dec. 17, from 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. There will be food and fun for all ages. There will also be fun activities for the children and a surprise jolly visitor to hand out gifts. Tickets will be available during the October and November UTA's in the Family Support Office, 3755 Rm 130. A \$1 per person, donation is requested to help defray cost and to get a good count of folks attending. If you are interested in volunteering to help out with the party, please call the Family Support Office at (240) 857-7048.

PAY DAYS

Run Date	Check Date
November 17	November 25
November 21	November 29
November 22	December 1
November 29	December 7
December 1	December 9
December 6	December 13
December 8	December 15
December 12	December 23

Military Pay Hours of Operation

Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 UTA Sat., 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Closed UTA Sun.
 Office: (240) 857-0314/0315
 Easy Pay Access: 1-800-755-7413

FY 2006 UTA SCHEDULE

Nov. 19-20, Alt 5-6
 Dec. 17-18, Alt 3-4
 Jan. 28-29, Alt 7-8
 Feb. 25-26, Alt 11-12
 March 25-26, Alt 11-12
 April 29-30, Alt 8-9
 May 13-14, No Alt
 June 8-11 ORI Flyaway
 June 24-25, No Alt
 July 29-30, Alt 15-16
 Aug. 26-27, Alt 12-13
 Sep 23-24, Alt 9-10

Military One Source



The Department of Defense offers you access to Military OneSource Online, where you can find help to cope with life's little — and not so little — issues. Visit the Web site at <http://www.militaryonesource.com/> and click on any of the following links; parenting and child care, personal and family readiness, education, disability, emotional well-being, mid-life and retirement.

UTA SCHEDULE

November 19-20 UTA Training and Events Schedule

Special Focus/Events/Suspenses

- Most commanders will be absent Sat, 19 Nov, to attend **Raincross**, meetings will continue as scheduled
- "Readiness Day" Sunday, 0830-1430
- 20 Nov Retirees available for counseling Sunday 1100-1300
- Lodging reservations for Dec UTA by: 1 Dec Reserve lodging for Jan UTA by: 12 Jan
- Ancillary training/meeting unit sign up sheets for DEC due by COB to Group CC, medical squadron CC, or Capt Vines**
- Next UTA: 17-18 Dec;**
- MANDATORY CSS TRAINING: 5-6 Nov

Medical Activities-- Nov. 19

0800-1100	LONG physical EVALUATIONS (vision, hearing, vitals, w/ technician) – will be scheduled for follow up EXAM	Bldg 3282	MSgt. Cromer, 3909
0800-1200	LONG physical EXAMS (with Doctor) – Scheduled AFTER LONG physical EVALUATION	Bldg 3282	MSgt. Cromer, 3909
1100-1500	Dental Exams by appointment	Dental Clinic, Bldg 1601	MSgt. Albury, 3909
1000-1200	SHORT physicals - bring DD Form 2813 (civilian dental form to turn in)	Bldg 3282	MSgt. Cromer, 3909
0800-1500	Lab Work, including DNA Testing (No appt needed)	Bldg 3282	TSgt Lewis, 8215
1300-1500	Fitness for Duty Evals , to include Fit to Fight Evaluations, new profiles and pregnancy profiles, (Bring medical records)	Bldg 3282	MSgt. Cromer, 2850
1300-1500	Immunizations (Bring shot record, ID Card)	Bldg 3282	Maj. Berkey, 1100
1300-1500	Incomplete Physicals (Bring Medical Records)	Bldg 3282	TSgt Cummings, 2850

*Unless otherwise indicated, lcoation is Bldg 3755

Time	SATURDAY, November 19, Wing Activities	*Location	Contact, Phone
0630-0800	Fit to Fight (sign up sheets were due Sep UTA)	East Fitness Center	SSgt. Boykin, 2775
0700-1600	Newcomers' Orientation and Inprocessing	Room 129	TSgt. Adams, 3843
0800-1200	Aircrew Life Support Training	Bldg 3765	TSgt. Wesley, 4247
9000-1100	M-41 Mask Fit-test (Bring inserts if you require glasses)	89 AW, Bldg 1535, C-106	MSgt. LaRue, 6129
0900-1000	Unit Deployment Managers' (UDM) Meeting	OG Conference Room	SMSgt. Miller, 7037
1000-1100	Human Resource Development Council Mtg (HRDC)	Wing Conference Room	Lt Col Cason, 2345
1100-1200	Newcomers meet with Wing CC and CCC	Wing Conference Room	Capt. Vines, 3765
1030-1200	Suicide Prevention Monitor Meeting	Bldg 3757, 2nd floor Conf Rm	TSgt Testman
1300-1500	M-41 Mask Fit-test (Bring inserts if you require glasses)	89 AW, Bldg 1535, C-106	MSgt. LaRue, 2850
1330-1500	Fit to Fight (sign up sheets were due Sep UTA)	East Fitness Center	TSgt. Boykin, 2775
1300-1500	Exercise Evaluation Team (EET) Meeting/ORI ATSO		
	Team Training	Wing Conference Room	LtCol Farmer, 7121

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Time	SUNDAY, November 20, Wing Activities (No medical services)	*Location	Contact, Phone
0630-0830	Fit to Fight Testing (Sign up sheets due Oct UTA)	East Fitness Center	TSgt Boykin, 2775
0830-1100	NBCDT Chem. Warfare Defense/EOR Training (Bring gas mask and Airman's Manual)	Bldg 3056	TSgt Robinson, 4800
0730-1600	Combat Arms Training (M9) – SIGN UP OCT UTA	89th Firing Range	TSgt Reed, 4152
0730-1130	MEO Training (Newcomers' and 1 st Duty Station)	OG Conference Room	Maj. Fox, 4207
0730-0830	Wing CC six-month contact meeting (MPF Roster identified individuals by name)	WCR	Capt Vines, 6202
0800-1100	CDC End of Course Testing (Must call in advance)	Room 129	MSgt. Galmore, 5250
0830-0900	Worship Service	Chapel 2, Building 3715	Chap. Havrilak, 4586
0830-1430	WING READINESS DAY	EVERYWHERE	TSgt Robinson, 4800
0900-1130	Information Managers' Training (All 3As/4As)	TBD	SMSgt Johnson, 2737
1100-1300	Retiree Group Offering Retirement Planning/Counseling	MSG Conf Room	MSgt Hutcherson
1245-1600	Newcomers' Staff Orientation Briefings	OG Conference Room	MSgt. Serrano, 3766
1300-1600	NBCDT Chem. Warfare Defense/EOR Training (Bring gas mask and Airman's Manual)	Building 3056	TSgt Robinson, 4800
1200-1400	Commanders table top/SORTS/ART/INTEL (Group/Squadron CCs) – limited seating	459 ARW CP, CAT, Bld 3613	Chief Riccio,
1500-1600	Wing Flying Safety / Intel Training	756 ARS Briefing Room	LtCol. Thibault, 2766

Newest voice in Chapel 2



(Left) Chaplain (Capt.) "Chappie" Moore gives his first 'sermon' at Chapel 2, Sunday, Oct. 23 for an audience of about 10. The Chaplain comes to the 459th Air Refueling Wing from the 436th Airlift at Dover AFB, Del. Chaplain Moore is a pastor at Mt. Zion Magothy United Methodist Church in Pasadena, Md. (Right) Master Sgt. Ralf Lautieri breaks bread with Chaplain Moore.



The Boomer is published for family members like Wesley (2) and Sydney (6) Hutcherson, son and daughter of Master

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